

**REMARKS**

This amendment presents for consideration the original claims 9-13 and currently amended claims 8 and 14, which are the claims that were withdrawn from consideration as a result of the restriction requirement in Applicant's parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/826,437, filed on April 5, 2001.

The amendments to claims 8 and 14 are of editorial matter.

Claims 1-7 have been canceled in accordance with this amendment.

This amendment also includes a cross-reference to certain of applicants' earlier related patent applications in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120.


Entry of the present amendments is hereby requested. No new matter is introduced into the application by reason of this amendment, which is supported by the original specification and claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the application as now amended is respectfully requested.

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